

detail before they could get together. The war office, according to its rule to confirm or deny nothing, has nothing to say about this report, and it has received little credence in well informed circles.

No news has been received as to an attack by the Japanese on Port Arthur. From the latest news received from the peninsula it is not believed that any attack has been made nor is one anticipated in the near future.

CHINA REITERATES.

Says She Will Now Observe the Strictest Neutrality.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—The State Department reports by cable to the State Department from Peking that the Chinese government has reiterated its determination to observe the strictest neutrality and has asserted its ability to do so in view of the leading part taken by the United States government in securing the international pledge of the neutrality of China. The State Department has felt deep concern in the reports of agitation among the Chinese military forces near the seat of war, and the danger of their violating neutrality, thus releasing the powers from the engagement into which they entered.

Mr. Conger is keeping the department closely advised of the situation in China from that point of view, and his news is received with satisfaction here.

In re-enforcement of Minister Conger's statement, Sir Cheng Tung Liang, Chinese minister to the United States, today said among other things, that recently reports have been circulated in this newspaper intimating that China is inclined to favor one of the belligerents. Business rumors of this character may do a great deal of mischief. It is the fixed purpose of the Chinese government to maintain the strictest neutrality to the last without the least intention of revoking the decree mentioned.

RECRUITING FOR CHINA.

A Young American Securing United States Officers for Chinese Army.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 14.—Evidence tending to show that the Chinese government is recruiting officers for what is known as the Chinese Imperial Reform Army in the United States developed here today on receipt of a dispatch from St. Paul, of what apparently is equivalent to a commission for a second lieutenant in the Chinese army from Edmund F. English, of Yankton, South Dakota, who is said to be engaged in securing American officers for that purpose.

A special to the Dispatch from Yankton, South Dakota, says that Mr. English admits he is securing recruits for the Chinese army, but that there is nothing especially significant in the movement now, as the plan of securing American officers had its inception long before the Russo-Japanese war began.

He is quoted as saying that, owing to the strict neutrality observed by the American government in the present Russo-Japanese war, all accepting service with the Chinese government will leave the United States as individuals. They will receive the same pay as officers of equal rank in the American army.

Japs Capture Privates and Lieutenants.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokyo, dated today:

"General Kuroki, commander of the first army corps, reports that on May 7th a detachment of our troops captured Kuan Chen Chen, on May 11th another infantry detachment captured the enemy's cavalry, which was retreating from Shuei-Chan, and captured two privates and one lieutenant. The latter is the son of General Honvahl."

Say Japs Did Fire on Red Cross.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 14.—In an official dispatch from Mukden, under date of May 14th, Major-General Plung reports that exhaustive inquiries regarding the allegations that the Japanese fired upon a red cross train bound for Port Arthur, May 13th, have resulted in the following: "The train was fired on by the Japanese flying on the train as it left Tsin-Ju, and that a shot was fired from the train, which was carrying only Russians who were ill. The Japanese, General Plung says, opened fire spontaneously, and only ceased when the train was beyond range."

Skydoff on to the Front.

(By Associated Press.)

IRKUTSK, SIBERIA, May 14.—Vice-Admiral Skydoff, the commander of the Russian naval forces in the Far East, passed through Irkutsk today on his way to the front.

West End Athletes.

There was a large number of enthusiastic spectators to witness the events yesterday afternoon, but owing to rain, they had to be cut down to the baseball game at the Virginia and the Oak Grove, resulting in a tie in ten innings. The following is the score:

Score: R. H. E.
Oak Grove.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Old Virginia.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Umpires, C. N. Wyatt, Jr., and A. E. Priddy.

Neither team winning the prize, the contest will have to be repeated.

College Games Yesterday.

At West Point, N. Y.—Yale 7, West Point 1.
At Princeton, N. J.—Princeton (freshmen) 14, Lawrenceville 8.
At Macon—Mercer University 2, University of Georgia 0.
At Providence, R. I.—Brown 1, Dartmouth 0.
At Ithaca, N. Y.—Cornell 8, Princeton 7.

Spring Medicine

There is no other season when good medicine is so much needed as in the Spring.

The blood is impure, weak and impoverished—a condition indicated by pimples and other eruptions on the face and body, by deficient vitality, loss of appetite, lack of strength, and want of animation.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Make the blood pure, vigorous and rich, create appetite, give vitality, strength and animation, and cure all eruptions. Have the whole family begin to take them today.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.



will give you credit for good taste if you get your clothes at BERRY'S.

for we satisfy both sides of your house—the masculine customer and the feminine critic.

See our light-weight, light-colored, light-colored suits for May. Gray-blues, gray-browns, gray-grays are the latest color combinations.

\$8.00 to \$28.00.

Young men and men who feel young are all enjoying the style and comfort they're getting in our Oxford Shoes at \$3.50.

Just like a certain dealer's \$6.00 Shoes," one enthusiast said.

Black or tan leathers.



CARRY THE GOSPEL TO LOWEST STRATA

Midnight Services and Supper in Old Ballard House Every Saturday.

Under the auspices of the Methodist Institute, on lower Main Street, there will shortly begin in Richmond a series of what promise to be the most unique and remarkable religious services ever attempted in this city.

In the Ballard House, in the heart of the worst slum life of Richmond, there will be held on each Saturday midnight during the summer a meeting designed to catch up the drunkard and the debauchee on his Saturday night tear. A rattle of drums will call the population of the district to a halt and announce the opening of the service.

There will be speaking and singing and other features, and sometimes, when this seems necessary, the exercises will be transferred to the street itself. Between 11:30 o'clock and midnight a free lunch will be served—hot coffee and sandwiches—and the weary ones will partake of the feast.

The idea is novel; the scheme rather startling to Richmond; but it is in line with the work of the Institute, which, under Rev. G. H. Wiley, is proving one of the most powerful religious factors in the State. The Saturday night services will take the place of the Sunday morning breakfast at the Institute during the summer. The meetings will be conducted by the most prominent men and women, who are striving to reach the untouched elements swimming in the neighborhood.

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TWIN CITY BALL GAME

Brownies Defeated the Imperials in a Snappy Contest at the Broad Street Park.

TWO CLUBS WERE TIED UP

Richmond Took a Hot Game From the Olivers by a Big Score.

Two good games of ball were played at Broad Street Park yesterday afternoon. They reminded one forcibly of the old-time Virginia league games, and were interesting to the close.

The first game was between the famous Brownies and the strong Imperials from Barton Heights. The Brownies won, but not without a struggle, and the streak of yellow that ran through the sixth inning, when Mesco was struck on the side of the head with a pitched ball.

Up to that point the game was anybody's, but the unlucky sixth put the ginger out of the Northerners and they could not recover.

The Brownies' infield showed up fine and fast. Cheatham was the only man in the outfield with a chance his way. Bates, third baseman of the Northerners, and who went in for Mesco, also showed up as a fast youngster. Both Fitzpatrick and Bowers worked well in the pitcher's form especially so. The official score follows:

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Richmonds	2	1	.667
Brownies	2	1	.667
Imperials	1	1	.500
Swansboro	1	2	.333
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Hale and Hearty at 102.

Mrs. Mary Masters Is in Possession of All Her Faculties. She Attributes Her Great Age and Vigorous Health to Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey.



MRS. MARY MASTERS, Zanesville, Ohio, 102 Years of Age.

Mrs. Masters says: "I am of Scotch extraction and a grand-daughter of Sir Isaac Keiper, who was prominent in English politics during the War of 1812. I have always lived an active life, with plenty to do for mind and body. A few years ago I had an attack of pneumonia, and my doctors all said that the disease could not be cured, as I was too old for their medicines to have any effect. However, the consulting physician who was called in, prescribed Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey, and, contrary to all my expectations, I completely recovered, and since then I have enjoyed better health than in years. I take Duffy's every morning and evening, and it enables me to relish and digest my food, keeps me strong and vigorous. Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is the most wonderful tonic and stimulant for old people. I owe my great old age to it, and would not feel safe in the house without a bottle. It's my only medicine and with it I fully expect to live many years yet." Every testimonial is published in good faith and guaranteed.

DUFFY'S PURE MALT WHISKEY.

KEEPS THE OLD YOUNG—THE YOUNG STRONG.

If you wish to keep young, strong, active and vigorous and have on your face the glow of perfect health; if you wish to live to a great old age to retain undimmed the use of all your faculties, take Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey regularly as directed.

It brings into action all the vital forces, makes digestion perfect and enables you to get from food all the nourishment it contains. It enriches the blood, stimulates circulation, builds up nerve tissue, tones up the heart, gives power to the brain and strength and energy to the muscles. It strengthens and invigorates overworked, strength and energy to the muscles. It strengthens and invigorates overworked, strength and energy to the muscles. It strengthens and invigorates overworked, strength and energy to the muscles.

CAUTION.—Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is sold in sealed bottles only; never in flask or bulk. Look for the trademark, the "Old Chemist," on the label and be certain the seal over the bottle is unbroken, or direct, \$1 a bottle. Medical booklet free. DUFFY MALT WHISKEY CO., Rochester, N. Y.

the academy oval by 60 to 40 points, the score being made on a basis of five points to winner and three to second place man.

Yale Freshmen Win by Three Lengths.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 14.—The Yale freshmen easily won from the Columbia freshmen by three lengths in the annual dual tennis match with Columbia was won by Yale to-day with a total of four victories out of six in the singles and two out of three in the doubles.

Swathmore Lacrosse Champions.

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, MD., May 14.—The Swathmore Lacrosse team to-day won the college Lacrosse championship of the United States by defeating Johns Hopkins University by a score of eight goals to three.

INDIANS WON.

Defeated the Hoboes in a Very Close Game.

A close and exciting game of ball was played Saturday between the Indians and Hoboes, resulting in a victory for the Indians. Both players were in fine form, and the Indians, who were the star. The playing of Williams behind the bat was a feature, as was also the time hitting of Pizini for the Hoboes. Pizini, for the Indians, hit well.

Incantation (\$ to 1) won the Fashion stakes for two-year-olds by a head from the favorite, Belatrix.

The demonstration accorded Africander, after he had won the last race, has seldom been equalled on a race track. On his performance to-day he is almost sure to start in the Brooklyn handicap, May 24th. Summaries:

First race—last six and one-half furlongs of the Withers' mile—Careless (9 to 10) first, Out of Reach (9 to 1) second, Male Hanlon (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:24.

Second race—selling, last five furlongs of the Eclipse course—Incantation (8 to 1) first, Belatrix (even) and 1 to 2 second, Caraphine (15 to 5) third. Time, 1:40.